

NEWSLETTER

St Aidan's Catholic Church - Coulsdon



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CHRIST THE KING

23rd November 2025

Masses are streamed for the housebound on the parish YouTube channel: St Aidans Coulsdon

Saturday Vigil 6pm Geoffrey Martin RIP **Confessions after Mass.**

Sunday 9am Deceased loved ones - November book

Sunday 11am Christian Clarke RIP

Monday 10am People of the parish

Saints Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions

Tuesday No Mass here

Wednesday 6.30pm Elizabeth Kelleher (Foundation)

Thursday 10am Deceased members of the Mulhearn and Murphy families

Friday No public Mass. Private funeral.

Saturday Vigil 6pm Chris Ridgers RIP

Confessions after Mass.

Sunday 9am Welfare of Jan Stehlik

Sunday 11am William McCarroll RIP

**Life breakfast today.
Bar open after 11am
Mass.**

Please pray for the sick and housebound.

Atticus Fletcher-Smith (baby), Claire Longworth, Terrence McColl, Elizabeth Hubbard-Brown, Brigid O'Donnell, Eileen Mallows, Marina Dormer, Jean Bleach, Truda Hobbs, Terry Doman, Eileen Darville, Pat Kelly, Marion McCluskey, Charlie Hooke, Allen Reilly, David Gibson, Sarah Bell, Juliette Hinds, Veronica Lydon, Sammy McCarroll, Rosie Longworth, Michael Ogonovsky, Trudy Kiely, John Cooksey, Geoff Wood, Margaret Long, Freda Blade, Christi Cox, David Morling and all who are sick.

**We remember the repose of the souls of
Eileen Brockhurst RIP and Sue Nithyanandan RIP.
May they know the mercy of God**

Today's 2nd collection. Catholic Youth Service
Collection taken on National Youth Sunday to support Catholic youth work in the Diocese and beyond.

Taskforce is taking place next Saturday 29th Nov 10am - 12 noon. Please come and do some jobs around the church and grounds.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT ST AIDAN'S

Christmas Eve 6pm Vigil Mass;
11pm Carols and readings
followed by 11.30pm Midnight;
Mass Christmas morning: 10am Mass.

World Youth Sunday 2025

Sunday 23 November is World Youth Sunday. There will be a second collection to support the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which provides a wide range of opportunities and activities for youth and young adults across the Archdiocese.

For more information, visit www.tinyurl.com/scys1 or join the Southwark Catholic Youth Network for regular updates at www.tinyurl.com/scysnetwork or via the QR code.

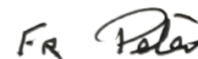
Additional resources for World Youth Sunday are available from CYMFed at www.wys.cymfed.org.uk

Dear brothers and sisters,

This Sunday we celebrate the solemnity of 'Christ the King'. The prayer of the preface of today's Mass highlights what is at the heart of God's kingdom when it speaks of an eternal and universal kingdom which consists of truth, life, holiness, grace, justice, love, peace. In Jesus we see these qualities in their fullness. The petition 'thy kingdom come' which we say so often in the Lord's prayer, is a plea for us to experience these things in our lives, not just in the future but here and now.

On this day as we honour Jesus as our King, the supreme authority in our lives, we ask him to set us free from anything that still prevents us from experiencing the life of his kingdom. May we truly know the grace of our baptism when we were anointed with the oil of chrism with the words - "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body".

Today is National Youth Sunday. This is an annual day of thanksgiving and prayer for young people especially those in our own parish.



Afternoon Tea Friday 5th December

At 2pm in the church hall for a donation of £5.00
Please contact Brenda Eydman to book a place after the 9am Mass or telephone 01737552610

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS:

Many thanks for the splendid response to the recent call for volunteers to make sandwiches for Nightwatch and to deliver them to Croydon. This initiative is going very well for our Thursday night duties in November and December. We have now been asked to provide sandwiches for a further six weeks: this time on **Tuesday** nights starting on 6th January and finishing on 10th February. If you are a current volunteer you will be contacted direct about this. If you have not volunteered before but would like to do so, please do get in touch.

Volunteers are needed to cover the following jobs:

1) To make about 15 rounds of simple sandwiches and deliver them to a specified Coulsdon address any time up to 7.00pm on Tuesdays between 6th January and 10th February (collection can be arranged if you are not able to deliver). About seven volunteers are needed for each week.

2) To collect all the batches of sandwiches from the Coulsdon address at 8pm on Tuesdays and deliver them by car to Nightwatch in central Croydon. The round trip takes about one hour. One volunteer is needed each week.

Detailed instructions will be available for both jobs when a rota is circulated. Volunteers are usually only asked to go once or twice on the rota.

If you are able to help out please contact Maureen Lee - maureenannelee213@gmail.com - by Thursday 11th December saying which job you would like to do and which dates you are available. A rota will be issued before Christmas.

Your Legacy of Faith.

Will you do something wonderful today? Will you remember the Church with a gift in your will? Copies of Your Legacy of Faith are available at the back of the church. This leaflet gives you information about remembering the Church in your will, explains various matters concerning wills.

MASSES IN CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

The final Mass in the Hospital for 2025 will be on Wednesday 10th December.

NO MASSES on 17th, 24th, 31st

WEDNESDAY MASSES resume on 7th JANUARY 2026 at 12 noon in the Hospital Chapel.

OUR OFFERTORY INCOME.

Cash £391, Standing Orders £571, Card reader £257
Total income: £1,239 of which £772 was gift-aided.

Thank you.

Please consider making a standing order for your offertory contributions. Contact the GA coordinator Clive Fernandes to get the details. coulsdongac@rcaos.org.uk

**Catholic Primary school applications.
Certificate of Catholic Practice.**

For more information parents should pick up the cream information sheet from the tables at the back of the church. Fr Peter will be available to sign primary school certificates on the following dates and times:

Thursday 27 Nov 7 - 7.30pm

At the parish house, 1 Portnalls Rd., CR5 3DD
opposite Smitham school.

Parish Winter Ball Sat 6th December

Tickets will be available for purchase this Sunday after 9am and 11am masses, and every weekend mass throughout November after that.

They are £25 per ticket, 3 course meal and live music from the

fabulous Phoenix! A great night is guaranteed!



St Chad's church South Norwood.

John Pridmore, an ex-gangster and international best selling author of the book 'From Gangland to Promised Land' will be at St Chad's Catholic Church, South Norwood to share his experience of conversion from the 29th of November to the 3rd of December. He will speak at all the Masses (Vigil Mass 6:30pm, Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:30am and 6pm. Weekday masses 9:30am) and also in the evenings from 7pm to 9pm.

Monday 1st Dec (Night 1: The amazing story of John Pridmore);

Tuesday 2nd Dec (Night 2: A chance to meet Jesus personally) and

Wednesday 3rd Dec (Night 3: Healing service with abounding miracles)

This is a great opportunity to find meaning in our lives.

Christmas cards in packs of 10 and boxes of 18 are now on sale in the church shop.

Advent Calendars £1.50

Catholic 2026 diaries - £3

Catholic art calendars - £1

Sending a Christian Christmas card is a simple and prayerful way of witnessing to our faith in the God who become human for our salvation. Profits also go to charitable causes.

Parish Pastoral Council Secretary Vacancy.

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a consultative group of twelve parishioners who work with Fr. Peter to support the leadership of our parish. We meet about 5 times a year, usually midweek, for about 90 minutes.

We are seeking a new volunteer secretary to join the PPC. The main responsibilities include: preparing meeting agendas, taking and distributing minutes and maintaining basic records of PPC business. You do not need to be a fully elected member of the PPC to serve as secretary.

Can you help ? If you'd like to learn more or are interested in volunteering, please speak to Fr. Peter coulasdon@rcaos.org.uk or any PPC member. Our names are listed on the church notice board and on the parish website. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve our parish community!

Erica Thurbon, Chair PPC.

Called to Bear Fruit consultation response published.

Thank you to the thousands of people who took part in the Called to Bear Fruit consultation. We are grateful to you all for sharing so openly your hopes for the life of the Church in our Archdiocese. The consultation response, which includes 15 actions points for renewal, is available at

rcaos.org.uk/calledtobearfruit and hardcopies will be sent to every parish. The consultation revealed a burning desire within our parishes to be missionary and evangelising disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, who work together to help people encounter His love. So, as we move forward on the next steps together, let's build up the Body of Christ in Southwark with faith and confidence, becoming ever more a community of missionary disciples filled with joy and hope for the future. As an Archdiocese, we will continue to discern the process of renewal, and further updates will be provided in due course.

You can pay offertory or make a donation to the parish using this QR code or by using the link on the homepage of the parish website. The first time you use it you will be asked if you wish to Gift-Aid.



WEST CROYDON REFUGEE CENTRE.

Croydon Refugee Centre are always grateful for our donations. Current needs: warm clothing, hats/gloves/scarves, especially winter coats and waterproof shoes/trainers & umbrellas, good quality shoes/trainers especially teenager's size, soap, shampoo, conditioner, women's deodorant, razors, washing up liquid, washing capsules, j-cloths, small (500ml or less) used bottles which can be filled with shampoo, bowls and spoons.

PURLEY FOOD HUB are always very grateful for our donations. Please leave food items in church porch.

Cartons of long life whole milk, drinking chocolate requiring only water, medium sized (around 500g) breakfast cereals, tinned meat meals such as mince, chicken in sauce, jars of pasta sauce, jars of jam or honey, desserts for children such as angel delight, jellies tinned rice pudding, small bottles of squash, small bottles of washing up liquid, unisex deodorant

Today's Mass readings:**First reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3**

In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, 'Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD said to you, "You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

Responsorial Psalm 122(121):

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city
bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD.

As it is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
There were set the thrones for judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.

Second reading Colossians 1:12-20

Brothers and Sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us

from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Gospel Luke 23:35-43

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'